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## **American Cruise Lines Announces *American Legend*: 19<sup>th</sup> Small Ship & 4<sup>th</sup> New *Coastal Cat* in Project Blue Series**



**GUILFORD, CT—March 13, 2023—American Cruise Lines** announced today that construction has begun on ***American Legend***, the 4<sup>th</sup> new *Coastal Cat* in the company's Project Blue series. First announced in January 2022, the Project Blue series is a set of 12 small ships designed to sail almost any domestic cruise itinerary. The 100-guest ***American Legend*** is built for coastal operation and features the innovative new hull design that is a hallmark of the series. All American's new *Coastal Cats* are being built by Chesapeake Shipbuilding in Salisbury, MD.

The first 3 ships in the series, *American Eagle*, *American Glory*, and *American Liberty* are scheduled to begin sailing in the next twelve months. ***American Legend* will begin cruising the U.S. in late 2024, and is the 19<sup>th</sup> new small ship in American's fleet.**

American Cruise Lines has grown substantially in the past several years and has led the resurgence of the river cruise market here in the U.S.A. In just the past 5 years, the company has nearly tripled its fleet by introducing innovative new small ships. The company is the only cruise line in the world to operate a 100% U.S. flagged fleet of both riverboats and small cruise ships, and the only cruise line in the country to offer 100% U.S. itineraries along both rivers and coasts.

*American Legend*, like its sister ships, will feature many amenities including 56 staterooms and suites, each with a furnished private balcony. The nimble go-anywhere ship will also offer spacious lounges inside and out, an open-air top deck for spectacular views, and multiple dining venues. The ship's unique hull form also allows for a wide activity platform at the stern, equipped with kayaks and a large tender for in-depth adventure directly from the ship.

To take a virtual tour of *American Legend* and all American Cruise Lines' small ships, please visit the company's website, and explore under the "Ships" tab.

**A virtual 360-degree tour of American's new series of *Coastal Cats* is also available here:**  
[American Cruise Lines Virtual Coastal Cat Tour:](#)





**About American Cruise Lines:**

American Cruise Lines offers river cruising and small ship coastal cruising in the U.S.A. American continues to launch the newest U.S. built ships and uniquely curated itineraries for exploring and

*Cruising Close to Home*<sup>®</sup>. On all American's cruises, guests discover the history, spirit, and culture of the United States aboard a sophisticated fleet of American Riverboats™ and small cruise ships. In 2023, American will operate 17 ships, each accommodating just 90-180 passengers, which cruise more than 50 domestic itineraries in 35 states. **American now offers *Flat-Rate Domestic Airfare* for all its U.S. cruises and many *Complimentary Pre-Cruise* hotel stays in cities across the country.**

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